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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Doug Joseph	
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 12, 2005, please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks.

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In the drawings:

Please substitute sheet 1, including FIG. 1, as originally filed with the replacement sheet 1, including FIG. 1, filed herewith.